



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No.: MBHB04-105 (400.146))

In re the Application of:)
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 McSwiggen *et al.*)
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 Serial No.: 10/783,128) Group Art Unit: 1635
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 Filed: February 20,2004) Examiner: Chong, Kimberly
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 For: RNA Interference Mediated Treatment Of) Confirmation No. 2611
 Polyglutamine (POLYQ) Repeat Expansion)
 Diseases Using Short Interfering Nucleic)
 Acid (siNA))

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 3, 2006

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 3, 2006, and in consideration of the Request for Continued Application filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicant also submits herewith a petition for a three month extension of time and payment of the appropriate fee. No additional fees are thought to be presently due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 12 of this paper.